



Crowd-sourcing Mobile Phones to Make the Poor Money

The proliferation of mobile phones across the global South, reaching even the poorest places on the planet, has given birth to whole new ways of making money. A phenomenon called 'crowd-sourcing' – in which the power of individuals is harvested to achieve a goal – is now being used to create networks of people earning extra income.

One technology called Txteagle, works like this: somebody performs small tasks with their mobile phone, such as translating a document into a local language, and in return receives credits or cash, so-called 'micro-payments.' By having many people perform these tasks in their spare time or down time at work, a large project can be completed and people can top-up their income. The secret is that the task must be able to be broken up into bite size chunks: the elephant must be eaten with a small fork.

For the poor, or people who are just getting by in a poor country, this can be a much-needed survival top-up in hard economic times. It is also an opportunity for people normally frozen out of formal employment opportunities or living in slum conditions.

Txteagle is being pioneered in Kenya using text messages or a low bandwidth, interactive protocol known as USSD (<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USSD>) (usually used to check prepaid phone balances).

The rapid growth in take-up has made mobile phones the big success story of the 21st century. With such reach, finding new applications for mobile phones that are relevant to the world's poor and to developing countries is a huge growth area. It is estimated that by 2015, the global mobile phone content market could be worth over US \$1 trillion: relegating basic voice phone calls to just 10 percent of the way people use mobile phones.

The technological success story of mobile phones is impressive: China is home to the same number of mobile-phone users (surpassing 650 million in 2009) as the whole of Europe. According to India's telecoms regulator (<http://www.trai.gov.in/Default.asp>), half of all urban dwellers now have mobile - or fixed - telephone subscriptions and the number is growing by eight million a month. In Tanzania, mobile phone use grew by 1,600 percent between 2002 and 2008.

Txteagle is the brainchild of Nathan Eagle of EPROM (Entrepreneurial Programming and Research on Mobiles) (<http://eprom.mit.edu/>). He works on developing new mobile phone applications with computer science departments in 10 Sub-Saharan African countries including: the University of Nairobi (<http://www.uonbi.ac.ke/>) (Kenya), Makerere University (<http://mak.ac.ug/makerere/>) (Uganda), GSTIT (<http://www.gstit.edu.et/>) (Ethiopia), Ashesi University (<http://www.ashesi.org/>) (Ghana), and the Kigali Institute of Science and Technology (<http://www.kist.ac.rw/>) (Rwanda).

Eagle has pioneered Txteagle in Nairobi, Kenya with students at the University of Nairobi.

Drawing on his experience in East Africa, where he has lived since 2006, Eagle has a powerful message about mobile phones in the South. "This is their technology. The mobile phone is theirs," he told a conference in March of this year. "It has had a far greater impact on their lives

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than it has on ours."

Eagle says typical Tختهagle users are "literate people in Nairobi who have significant idle time, like taxi drivers, security guards" or high school students. Like many Southern countries, Kenya has a plethora of languages: 62 in all. It can be laborious and costly to translate into all these languages. But by using crowd-sourcing on mobile phones, mobile phone company Nokia's (www.nokia.com) phone menus have been translated into 15 local languages.

Already there are more people wanting to earn money this way than there are tasks to do. Eagle has had to cap payments at US \$1.50 a day. The service needs to grow, and it is looking to offer people in the United States the opportunity to have easily broken-up tasks done in Kenya. Eagle believes his algorithms (<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Algorithm>) ensure a 95-percent accuracy rate. One possible market is the US \$15 billion medical transcription industry.

Kenya, a nation of 32 million, relies on its small business sector for most employment. In 2005, the government's Economic Survey (www.cbs.go.ke/) found the small business sector created 437,900 jobs – mostly because of the boom in mobile phones. According to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), adding an additional 10 mobile phones per 100 people boosts a typical developing country's GDP growth by 0.6 percent. The boost comes from the innovative use of mobile phone technology by local entrepreneurs.

Kenya is making significant headway on innovating with mobile phones. Already, 30 percent of Kenyans pay for their electricity with their mobile phones instead of waiting in line.

"We have transformed the majority of phones in East Africa into a platform that people can use to make money," Eagle told the conference. "There are 15 million Africans ready to start working on their mobile phones."

Links

- Entrepreneurial Programming and Research on Mobiles: EPROM, part of the Program for Developmental Entrepreneurship within the MIT Design Laboratory, aims to foster mobile phone-related research and entrepreneurship. Key activities include: development of new applications for mobile phone users worldwide.
Website: www.eprom.mit.edu/index.html
- Entrepreneurs can track the growth of the mobile phones market here.
Website: www.wirelessintelligence.com
<http://www.wirelessintelligence.com/>
- SMS Bootcamp: The "SMS Boot Camp" at the University of Nairobi, is a project-based course enabling teams of students to launch and market their own SMS services to the millions of mobile phone users in Kenya. A small amount of seed funding will be available to the best teams interested in turning their project into a commercial venture.
Website: <http://eprom.mit.edu/entrepreneurship.html>
- Crowd-sourcing on Mobile Phones in the Developing World: Watch a You Tube talk by Nathan Eagle on how this works.
Website: www.youtube.com/watch?v=lvz2foChQYU
- Mobile Active.org: MobileActive.org is a community of people and organizations using mobile phones for social impact. We are committed to increasing the effectiveness of NGOs around the world who recognize that the 3.5 billion mobile phones provide unprecedented opportunities for organizing, communications, and service and information delivery.
Website: www.mobileactive.org
- Mechanical Turk: This is an income-generating tool run by online book sellers Amazon.com. It pays people for spending time online transcribing audio and tagging photos.
Website: www.mturk.com/mturk/welcome

Tourist Passion for Quirky Holidays Helps South

Conventional thinking holds that any country with a poor or non-existent reputation in the international media will not attract tourists. But this conventional thinking is wrong: The hottest tourist trend for 2009 is directly benefiting the South's more out-of-the-way and under-appreciated countries. So says a travel expert who specializes in overlooked travel destinations.

Prior to the economic downturn, tourism accounted for more than 10 percent of global GDP and 8 percent of total employment worldwide. It grew by 6 percent in 2007, according to the UN World Tourism Organization. Tourism in the Asia-Pacific region grew by 10 percent and Africa by 8 percent.

But it has since declined by 8 percent between January and April of 2009 compared to the same period in 2008. Destinations worldwide recorded a total of 247 million international tourist arrivals in those four months, down from 269 million in 2008 (UNWTO World Tourism Barometer).

This means competition is heating up for tourists. Well-travelled tourists are now looking for out-of-the-way places and places far off the beaten track. They want to be unique and have a tale to tell when they get home.

Tony Wheeler, author of the book *Bad Lands: A Tourist on the Axis of Evil* and co-founder of the Lonely Planet travel guides, said "Lots of tourists want to be the first through the door."

During the Fitur Travel Fair in Madrid in January 2009, Myanmar (formerly Burma) appeared for the first time. Europe's biggest travel fair also saw Zimbabwe, the Palestinian territories and Iran chasing travellers to come and see the sights.

Wheeler told Britain's Daily Telegraph newspaper that, ironically, the more negative reports in the media a country gets, the more this new breed of tourist want to visit and find out the truth.

And his travel experiences have taught him, for example, the Burmese people do not believe in isolation and boycotts, as he wrote in the Guardian.

"Over the three decades since my first visit, tourism has grown from 20,000 tourists a year to more than 100,000."

"Cutting the country off from the rest of the world isn't going to help. We recently received a letter from one of our Burma authors saying the psychological damage of being isolated can be as bad as the economic damage."

North Korea – which was labelled part of the "axis of evil" by President George W. Bush – saw its foreign tourist numbers rise to 4,500 in 2008 from just 600 in 2001.

Ross Kennedy of Africa Albida Tourism, which operates safari lodges in Zimbabwe, said bad headlines hurt but presenting an alternative view can reverse apprehension and lure tourists to come.

The lodges saw a 4 percent rise in visitors in 2008 in spite of chaotic elections in Zimbabwe that drew negative press.

"You certainly can't write off an entire destination because of the choices or behaviour of a few individuals," Kennedy told the Telegraph.

Tourism is now generally recognized to be one of the largest industries in the world, if not the largest. It has grown rapidly and almost continuously over the past 20 years, and is now one of the world's most significant sources of employment and of Gross Domestic Product (GDP). Tourism particularly benefits the economies of developing countries, where most of the sector's new tourism jobs and businesses are being created.

Tourism, because it is a labor-intensive industry, is seen as a great way both to reduce poverty and to meet all the Millennium Development Goals. It favours small-scale businesses, it is decentralized and can diversify regional economies, it is relatively non-polluting and can contribute to the conservation and promotion of natural and cultural heritage, and most importantly it can act as a catalyst for kick-starting other sectors of the economy.

In Iran, the Laleh Kandovan International Rocky Hotel, located in the province of East Azerbaijan in the north-west of the country, has been luring in tourists with the villages' cave homes. Located in the village of Kandovan, where residents speak a Turkish dialect, the homes look like craggy sandcastles with holes in them; around 700 people live in the hollowed out rocks.

Prior to the hotel opening, it was only possible to visit for a day and the locals, who make their money harvesting fruit and walnuts, were suspicious of outsiders.

Kandovan means "Land of the Unknown Carvers". An added attraction to visiting Kandovan is the mystery surrounding the houses. No one knows how long people have been there or when the homes were carved out of the rock. Others claim it

is the biblical land of Nod, where Cain was left to wander after murdering his brother Abel.

The hotel occupies a hillside of caves and has a large restaurant and rooms that blend traditional décor like Persian rugs with modernist touches like recessed lighting. The rooms offer under-floor heating and some even have whirlpool baths. The hotel currently has 10 rooms, but plans to expand to 30.

Links

- United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO).
Website: www.unwto.org
- Magic Carpet Travel: It specializes in trips to Iran and bookings for the Laleh Kandovan International Rocky Hotel.
Website: www.magic-carpet-travel.com
- African Travel and Tourism Association: ATTA creates the platform for buyers across Europe to meet suppliers of African tourism products at networking events, trade shows and through its links with the media.
Website: www.atta.co.uk
- Planeta: One of the first ecotourism resources to go online (since 1994) and still offers plenty of information for those wanting to start a business.
Website: www.planeta.com
- Off The Beaten Track Travel Magazine: Off The Beaten Track is a site for the traveller who avoids the beaten path of mass tourism.
Website: www.off-the-beaten-track.net
- World Tourism Cities: Developing Tourism Off the Beaten Track, edited by Robert Maitland and Peter Newman, Publisher: Routledge.
Website: www.amazon.com

Protecting Threatened Fruits and Nuts in Central Asia

Between 94,000 and 144,000 plant species -- a quarter to a half of the world's total -- could die out in the coming years, according to an estimate by Scientific American (2002). Among them are vital food crops, threatened by a world in which climate change is causing more weather turbulence and diseases and viruses can spread rapidly and destroy crops.

This scale of plant loss risks leaving the world's food security dependent on fewer -- and more vulnerable -- domesticated species. The hunt is on for hardy plant species that can survive these ups and downs while protecting the world's food security for this and the next generation.

In the Central Asian nations of Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan, conservation of trees and their fruits and nuts are being placed at the centre of the economic lives of people who had been unwittingly destroying the trees' habitat. Two projects, one to preserve walnut trees in Tajikistan, and the other to preserve apple trees in Kyrgyzstan, are beginning to bear fruit.

The Red List of Trees of Central Asia published in April 2009 by the Global Trees Campaign (http://www.globaltrees.org/rl_centralasia.htm), identified the 44 species most at risk in Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan and Tajikistan. Growing in rugged, mountainous terrain, the plants have high genetic diversity and are thought to be critical in the development of disease-resistant and climate-tolerant fruit varieties.

The diverse environments of Central Asia are host to over 300 wild fruit and nut species that are ancestors to the fruits and nuts we eat today, including wild apple, plum, pears, pistachios, cherry, apricot, and walnut.

Many face extinction as local people -- driven by the need for fire wood, or to earn an income -- cut down this precious resource. The Red List estimates that over 90 percent of the trees in the fruit and nut forests across Central Asia have been destroyed in the past 50 years.

The importance of these fruits and nuts can't be over-emphasized: all the common varieties of apricot come from one living ancestor, the species *Armeniaca vulgaris*, now very rare in Central Asia. Central Asia's *Malus sieversii* (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Malus_sieversii) gave birth to today's domestic apples. It spread its way around the world along the ancient Silk Road (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Silk_Road). The name of Kazakhstan's former capital city is Almaty (<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Almaty>), which literally means 'Grandfather of Apples'.

Scientists have found genetic diversity and disease resistance greater in wild plant species that have not been domesticated, like *Malus sieversii*. *Malus sieversii* is highly resistant to Fire Blight (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fire_blight), a nasty disease that turns the fruits black (USDA).

To stop this free-for-all in which resources are plundered to extinction and trees wiped out to be used for firewood, deals are being struck to guarantee local communities' rights to exploit the trees as a resource, while also obligating them to preserve them.

In Tajikistan, the walnut trade is a critical source of income for some villages, with most of the crop exported to Turkey. The country shares with Kyrgyzstan the world's largest natural-growth walnut forest. But the use of short-term land leases discouraged long-term management, while local people were lacking any other sources of income and over-exploited the trees.

Jilly McNaughton of British NGO Fauna and Flora International (www.fauna-flora.org), said the current situation "is not good, with use of the forest by local people both heavy and inadequately controlled." "Collection of firewood and grazing are perhaps the biggest concerns," she said. "There is very little natural regeneration of wild trees due to grazing and hay making in the forest. "As the walnut is valued as an income generating crop, other trees are cut for firewood and timber, meaning parts of the forest have become a park-like landscape with scattered large walnut trees."

Fauna and Flora International, which specializes in species preservation, is encouraging local people to work towards long-term leases and diversify their sources of income. The strategy includes encouraging other ways to make a living, including raising chickens, making clothes and bee keeping.

As one villager said: "We have bought honey buckets and bees. Next year we will get a lot of honey - it will be a great income. We got a job."

The Red List of Trees found the causes of species' destruction are multiple: over-exploitation, human development, pests and diseases, overgrazing, desertification and fires. Since the break up of the Soviet Union, funds have been short to help reverse these threats.

The most threatened apple species in the Red List is the Niedzwetzky apple (*Malus niedzwetzkyana*) (www.globaltrees.org/kyrgyzstan_apple.htm).

In Kyrgyzstan, work to preserve the Niedzwetzky apple is directly involving the community. Projects are working with the village of Kara Alma in southern Kyrgyzstan and government forest services to encourage eco-friendly small businesses to earn incomes and protect the forests.

They have catalogued all 111 trees that still survive, and have set up a community-run nursery to grow more. The ambition is to expand this approach across the region, both preserving these great resources and bringing hope and employment to the people.

Links

- The Global Trees Campaign, a partnership between Fauna & Flora International, Botanic Gardens Conservation International and many other organisations around the world, aims to save threatened tree species through provision of information, conservation action and support for sustainable use.
Website: www.globaltrees.org
- The Red List of Trees of Central Asia: Has evaluated 96 of the region's tree species, identifying 44 as globally threatened with extinction.
Website: www.globaltrees.org/news_RLCA.htm
- Association of Cities of Kyrgyz Republic.
Website: www.citykr.kg/en/index.php
- Planeta: One of the first ecotourism resources to go online (since 1994) and still offers plenty of information for those wanting to start a business.
Website: www.planeta.com
- Environmental Public Awareness Handbook: A thorough account with case studies of a successful two-year project in Mongolia to combine environmental protection with livelihoods.
Website: <http://tiny.cc/oZ9sA>

African Theatre Becomes European Success

As In Britain, the country that gave the world the plays of William Shakespeare (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/William_Shakespeare), a new creative force has taken stages by storm: African theatre. And it is proving how economically rewarding Southern culture can be.

"African theatre is very eclectic and very narrative driven, which I think appeals to audiences. Here (the United Kingdom) it's very much more reflective and intellectual," director Nick Kent told The Independent newspaper.

Over the last decade, the world's creative industries have gained greater recognition as an important spark that can drive economic development and entrepreneurship. World exports of creative products were valued at US \$424.4 billion in 2005 as compared to US \$227.5 billion in 1996, according to UNCTAD

figures. It has grown by 8.8 percent a year between 1996 and 2005 (UNCTAD). In Germany, more than 35 million people go to almost 110,000 theatre performances – not including opera and ballet – every year. That's almost half the population.

The creative economy is seen as a fast growth area and good job creator, and importantly, a lynchpin of cultural identity and diversity. While the creative economy flourishes in North America and Europe, Southern countries are still not reaping its full benefits. Despite their cultural diversity and richness, out of 132 developing countries, 85 have never produced a commercial film.

UNESCO, through its Global Alliance for Cultural Diversity, has been in the forefront of helping African countries re-shape their policies to take this into consideration. The promotion of cultural industries also has been incorporated into the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD).

Kent, the artistic director of London's Tricycle Theatre, believes the popularity of African theatre is a product of its vibrancy and the fact both music and stories' narratives engage with difficult topics.

"Since the apartheid era (in South Africa), African theatre has been more engaged socially," continues Kent. "South Africa has managed to capture music and storytelling."

Nigeria's Nobel Prize-winning playwright Wole Soyinka packed Britain's National Theatre recently by tackling tensions in colonial Nigeria in his play *Death and the King's Horseman*. Another Nigerian play is *Iya-Ile (The First Wife)*, about a chief's preparations for his wife's 40th birthday. It runs at London's Soho Theatre.

Yet another success is a re-telling stories from the Bible called *The Mysteries – Yimimangaliso* -- by the South African theatre company Isango Portobello. It was such a huge success when it first appeared on London's stages in 2002, it will be returning in September.

One way companies in countries like Britain use to introduce audiences to new cultures and creative experiences is to run a special 'season.' In April, London's Tricycle Theatre began a season of 12 plays about Afghanistan by a variety of writers. They were divided into half-hour mini-plays that could be seen in parts over several evenings or in a weekend marathon of 12 plays.

The project was so successful that the Tricycle is starting a South Africa season, beginning with the play *Karoo Moose*, an award-winning story about a girl's struggle to survive in a village with the help of an escaped moose. Another play in the season is *Koos Sas: Last Bushman of Montagu*, a musical about a heroic rebel.

West Africa features in the play *The Observer*, also at London's National Theatre. It tells the story of an election observer forced to rubber-stamp the victory of a corrupt president. *Lost in the Stars*, a musical adaptation of the novel *Cry, the Beloved Country* – a global success in the 1940s – explores racial tensions in apartheid South Africa and runs at the Queen Elizabeth Hall.

"African theatre addresses issues of identity and conflict," said Dr. Yvette Hutchison, who lectures in African theatre at the University of Warwick. "Because of its history, there is much to explore. European theatre became very intellectual and rational after the Enlightenment. African theatre remains spiritual and metaphysical. There is also less formality – the audience expects to contribute."

The fresh perspective brought by African theatre is its appeal.

"I do think people have become tired of formulaic music in theatre," said the British-born South African director of *The Mysteries*, Mark Dornford-May.

"African culture will incorporate, for example, Mozart and a work song, and perceive them as equally valid, or perhaps favour the work song. There's also a lot of physicality. The audience expects to be engaged. In Europe you sit in your seat and don't have contact with anyone and you may as well be watching a DVD. There's a sense of excitement in African theatre and exuberance of performance."

Links

- The British Council sponsors numerous awards for international creatives.
Website: www.creativeeconomy.org.uk
- Creative Clusters: Creative Clusters is an independent policy conference examining the growth of the creative economy. It is interested in initiatives from around the world that are designed to have an impact in both cultural and economic terms. Website: www.creativeclusters.com
- Iroko Theatre Company: The theatre uses traditional African theatre art forms to explore social issues that are of interest to children and young people and in doing so help them to experience new cultures and art forms. Website: Website: www.irokotheatre.org.uk/index.html
- A BBC story on the success of African theatre.
Website: www.bbc.co.uk/africabeyond/africanarts/18625.shtml

Southern Drinks Challenge Corporate Dominance

Across the global South, its thirsty people have long been a target market for Northern drinks companies. The ubiquity of the American soft drink Coca Cola, or even its rival Pepsi Cola, is testimony to that. Even the most remote village on the impoverished island of Haiti can offer an ice-cold Coke.

But the marketing power of these companies has a down side: it has pushed aside local drink brands based on traditional formulations. But in some countries, local brands are fighting back.

In India, the Cow Protection Department of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak (called RSS) based in Hardwar (www.hardwar.com), one of the four holy cities on the River Ganges, has produced a soft drink made from recycled cow urine. They call it 'gau jal' (Sanskrit for 'cow water') and it is set for a launch at the end of 2009.

The urine is highly processed to make the drink. "Don't worry, it won't smell like urine and will be tasty too," Om Prakash told the Daily Mail. "Its unique selling point will be that it's going to be very healthy. It won't be like carbonated drinks and will be devoid of any toxins."

The price will be less than American brands such as Coca Cola. "We're going to give them good competition as our drink is good for mankind," he continued. "We may also think of exporting it." The drink contains not only cow urine but a blend of medicinal and ayurvedic herbs. Ayurveda is the 5,000-year-old ancient Indian health system.

The RSS was founded in 1925 and claims to have eight million members. Cows are sacred to India's Hindu population and killing them is illegal in many parts of India. Finding ways to make a living from cows' waste products is common. Cow dung (manure) is already used as a fertilizer in villages. It is claimed the new soda pop will help with cancer, obesity and liver disease.

Another drink that has been consumed for its health-giving properties is Mongolian mare's (female horse) milk. Studies by female scientists from Mongolia, South Korea and China for UNDP in the late 1990s found the milk was packed with vitamins and minerals and effective in treating liver diseases, cancer, intestine inflammations and tuberculosis.

Mongolians have used mare's milk for centuries in their traditional diet. The drink, called airag in Mongolian, is consumed especially during traditional holidays.

There are eight times as many horses in Mongolia as the human population, which numbers 2.7 million, so the potential for this drink is enormous. The Food and Biotechnology Institute of the Mongolian University of Science and Technology (www.must.edu.mn/beta_new/) in association with the Swiss International Development Agency (www.sdc.admin.ch), has been developing technology to process mare's milk, and make value-added products with it to create rural jobs. Under the project, eight kinds of beauty products have been manufactured so far using mare's milk.

Links

- Just Food is a web portal packed with the latest news on the global food industry and packed with events and special briefings to fill entrepreneurs in on the difficult issues and constantly shifting market demands.
Website: www.just-food.com
- Brandchannel: The world's only online exchange about branding, packed with resources, debates and contacts to help businesses intelligently build their brand.
Website: www.brandchannel.com
- Small businesses looking to develop their brand can find plenty of free advice and resources here.
Website: www.brandingstrategyinsider.com
- Growing Inclusive Markets, a new web portal from UNDP packed with case studies, heat maps and strategies on how to use markets to help the poor.
Website: www.growinginclusivemarkets.org
- Asia-Pacific Traditional Medicine and Herbal Technology Network: an excellent first stop for any entrepreneur, where they can find out standards and regulations and connect with education and training opportunities.
Website: www.apctt-tm.net

Window on the World

Lessons learned, promising practices, and innovative ideas for ending the world's youth employment crisis.

Website: www.youthenterpriseconference.org

African Economic Outlook 2009

Publisher: OECD

A unique online tool that puts rigorous economic data, information and research on Africa at your fingertips. A few clicks gives access to comprehensive analyses of African economies, placed in their social and political contexts. This is the only place where African countries are examined through a common analytical framework, allowing you to compare economic prospects at the regional, sub-regional and country levels.

Website: <http://mitpress.mit.edu/catalog/item/default.asp?ttype=2&tid=11700>

Africa's Turn?

by Edward Miguel, Publisher: MIT Press

The author tracks a decade of hopeful economic trends throughout sub-Saharan Africa, while nine experts question his optimism.

Website: <http://mitpress.mit.edu/catalog/item/default.asp?ttype=2&tid=11700>

Wars, Guns and Votes: Democracy in Dangerous Places

■ *by Paul Collier, Publisher: Bodley Head*

Website: www.amazon.com

The Trouble With Aid: Why Less Could Mean More for Africa

by Jonathan Glennie, Published: Zed Books.

Website: www.amazon.com

Immigrants: Your Country Needs Them

by Philippe Legrain, Publisher: Abacus

Website: www.amazon.com

Factory Girls: Voices from the Heart of Modern China by Leslie Chang

Publisher: Picador.

Website: www.amazon.com

Capitalism with Chinese Characteristics by Yasheng Huang

Publisher: Cambridge

Website: www.amazon.com

Meltdown: The End of the Age of Greed

by Paul Mason, Publisher: Verso

Website: www.amazon.com

After the Party: Corruption, the ANC and South Africa's Uncertain Future

by Andrew Feinstein, Publisher: Verso

Website: www.amazon.com

Tiny Houses by Mimi Zeiger

Publisher: Rizzoli.

Website: <http://www.rizzoliusa.com/catalog/display.pperl?isbn=9780847832033>

Spirit Level by Richard Wilkinson

Publisher: Allen Lane

Website: <http://www.guardianbookshop.co.uk/BerteShopWeb/viewProduct.do?ISBN=9781846140396>

Capitalism: Beyond the crisis by Amartya Sen

Publisher: The New York Review of Books.

Website: <http://www.nybooks.com/articles/22490>

Impact of the Global Financial Crisis on the Developing World: What the G20 Need to Know by the Institute of Development Studies

Publisher: Allen Lane

Website: <http://www.ids.ac.uk/go/news/ids-research-reveals-the-impact-of-the-global-financial-crisis-on-the-developing-world-what-the-g20-need-to-know>

When China Rules the World by Martin Jacques

Publisher: Penguin

Website: www.amazon.com

The End of Certainty: Towards a New Internationalism

by Stephen Chan, Publisher: Zed Books

Website: www.zedbooks.co.uk/the_end_of_certainty

Appeal for Help

MobileActive.org are updating their database of mobile applications used for health, social development, agriculture, advocacy, education, civic media, human rights, and other civil society areas. If you have or are developing a mobile application used in any area of social development, please enter it in the MobileActive database. There is currently no comprehensive database of mobile applications for social development available but they are building it with people's help.

Dead Aid: Why Aid is Not Working and How There Is Another Way for Africa

By Dambisa Moyo, Publisher: Allen Lane. In *Dead Aid*

Website: <http://www.deadaid.org/>

Upcoming Events

2009

July

African Culture and Democratic Dialogue

Potsdam, Germany (24-25 July 2009)

The aim of this conference is to bring African political migrants and cultural groups together for dialogue to promote community developments in Africa.

Website: <http://www.cagintua.de/>

August

International Conference on Public Policy for Sustainable Development

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (4-5 August 2009)

The time has come to confront sustainable development from a public policy viewpoint. This conference focuses on how institutions craft, shape, implement and enforce specific policies in addressing the complexities of sustainable development.

Website: www.inpuma.org.my

Maker Faire Africa

Accra, Ghana (14-16 August 2009)

A celebration of African ingenuity, innovation and invention. The aim of Maker Faire is to create a space on the continent where Afrigadget-type (www.afrigadget.com) innovations, inventions and initiatives can be sought, identified, brought to life, supported, amplified, and propagated. Maker Faire Africa asks the question: "What happens when you put the drivers of ingenious concepts from Mali with those from Ghana and Kenya, and add resources to the mix?"

Website: www.makerfaireafrica.com

United We Stand / Building a Sustainable Economy - Conference & Trade show

Washington DC, USA (18-19 August 2009)

B2B/B2G Marketing & Networking Event dedicated to businesses, industry leaders, organizations and government officials that will utilize private and government initiatives to create a renewable energy based economy within ten years.

Website: <http://projectgreenamerica.com/>

Tunza International Children's Conference on the Environment

Daejeon, Korea (17-21 August 2009)

The conference theme is Climate Change: Our Challenge. It brings together 400 participants between 10 and 14 years old from over 100 countries. It is sponsored by the United Nations Environment Programme and the UNEP National Committee for the Republic of Korea.

Website: http://www.unep.org/Tunza/Children/Events/icc_2009/

2nd World Congress of Agroforestry

Nairobi, Kenya (23-28 August 2009)

The Congress will assess opportunities that will leverage agroforestry science and development to promote sustainable land use worldwide. Through keynote presentations, symposia and technical sessions, Congress participants will explore how agroforestry is making contributions to the global challenges of food security, climate change, biodiversity conservation and human health. The 2nd World Congress of Agroforestry will provide a global forum for agroforestry professionals to share knowledge, experiences and ideas, and to plan future strategies in agroforestry research, education and training of knowledge-sharing initiated during the 1st World Congress of Agroforestry held in 2004 in Florida, USA.

Website: <http://www.worldagroforestry.org/wca2009/>

Sustainability and Leadership: Making Green Strategies Work for Your Business

Los Angeles, USA (31 August to 11 September 2009)

An intensive program designed for professionals who are leaders in their organizations and understand the long-term value of incorporating green innovations into their strategy, products, operations, and brand management. This program will introduce new models and tools that support environmental management while enhancing corporate performance.

Website: www.summer.ucla.edu

September

International Conference on Urban Form

Ganzhou, China (4 September 2009)

The theme of the conference is Urban morphology and urban transformation. The organizers and the Council of ISUF (Sixteenth International Seminar on Urban Form) invite participation in the Conference by interested academics and professionals.

Website: www.urbanform.org/sem/sem2009.html

Aqua Farming International Exhibition 2009

Vigo, Spain (16-19 September 2009)

This first Aqua Farming International exhibition is held under the umbrella of the World Fishing Exhibition, which will attract a large number of visitors and will be the hub of the international fishing scene.

Website: www.aquafarminginternational.com/index.php?lang=en

EABIS Annual Colloquium 2009

Barcelona, Spain (21-22 September 2009)

This year's Colloquium will focus on the governance of the firm, in the context of new global governance challenges. We also have particular interest in how the role of business in society is likely to change and to what extent governance mechanisms can foster corporate responsibility at the global, company and individual levels.

Website: www.iese.edu/a

2RENEXPO 2009

Augsburg, Germany (24-27 September 2009)

International Trade Fair and Conference for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficient Building and Renovation.

Website: www.renexpo.de

2009 Global Youth Enterprise Conference.

Washington, DC. (September 29-30, 2009)

Making Cents International is pleased to announce the 2009 Global Youth Enterprise Conference will take place at the Cafritz Conference Center. This participatory and demand-driven learning event will convene 350 leading stakeholders in the fields of youth enterprise, employment, and livelihoods development; microfinance; education; and health. Members of all sectors will share their promising practices, lessons learned, and innovative ideas for increasing and improving economic opportunities for youth. A whole half-day will focus on the new and growing field of Youth-Inclusive Financial Services. Don't miss this unique opportunity to gain technical capacity, explore new partnerships, and share information with leading stakeholders from around the world. To view the conference program, see a list of sponsors, and register, please visit:

www.youthenterpriseconference.org or contact Whitney Harrelson

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Website: www.youthenterpriseconference.org

October

Renewable Energy World Asia 2009

Bangkok, Thailand (7-9 October 2009)

Renewable Energy World Asia, co-located with POWER-GEN Asia, is a leading conference and exhibition dedicated to the power generation and transmission and distribution industries, attracting 6,000 delegates and attendees from over 50 countries from across South East Asia and around the world.

Website: <http://www.powergenasia.com/index.html>

Global Forum on Local Development

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (12-16 October 2009)

The new wave of decentralization since 1990 is based on the rediscovery of the "local dimension" of development, and the related recognition of local government's potential role and added value in promoting local development and contributing to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals. Local development is a complex multi-actor process comprising households, communities, local and national governments. While local governments are not the only entities promoting local development, they are increasingly key players at the forefront of delivering local development outcomes. Sponsors: UNCDF

Website: www.dpwg-lgd.org/cms/upload/pdf/NL-3-12-2008.pdf

Nominate (or apply to be) a 2009 Pop!Tech Social Innovation Fellow

Camden, Maine, USA (21-24 October 2009)

You know you want to be a Pop!Tech Fellow. Or you know someone who will want to be. Think you have what it takes to join this select company? Pop!Tech just announced its selection process for up to 15 next-generation world-changing people who are incubating new approaches to some of the world's toughest challenges. Fellows participate in an all-expenses-paid, multi-day intensive development program focused on insights, tools and skills for accelerating and scaling "big bet" innovations in areas like healthcare, energy, development, mobile technology, climate, education, and civic engagement, among others. Fellows receive world-class training in areas like branding, design, measuring impact, media relations, social/Web2.0 media, finance, leadership, digital storytelling and organizational development. These sessions are led by remarkable leaders in these areas

Website: www.poptech.org/nominate

European Development Days 2009

Stockholm, Sweden (22-24 October 2009)

Yearly event hosted jointly by the European Commission and the EU Presidency. The European Development Days bring some 4,000 people and 1500 organisations from the development community together on an equal footing. Delegates from 125 countries are represented, including heads of state and leading world figures, Nobel prize winners among them. The event aims to make development aid more effective, to build a global coalition against poverty and achieve the Millennium Development Goals. Through frank and sometimes controversial debates on pressing issues, such as governance, poverty and environmental sustainability, the European Development Days provide unprecedented opportunities for sharing ideas and launching innovative partnerships.

Website: www.eudevdays.eu

OECD 3rd World Forum: Charting Progress, Building Visions, Improving Life

Busan, Korea (27-30 October 2009)

The next World Forum, focused on Charting Progress, Building Visions, Improving Life will attract some 1 500 high level participants with a mixture of politicians and policy makers, opinion leaders, Nobel laureates, statisticians, academics, journalists and representatives of civil society from over 130 countries.

Website: <http://tinyurl.com/chqjll>

November

Impact of the Base-of-the-Pyramid Venture

Delft, Netherlands (16-18 November 2009)

The purpose of this conference is to increase BoP knowledge on value creation and impact assessments by bringing together keynote speakers and delegates from business, academia, NGOs and the public sector. The conference will provide a platform to share conceptual and empirical evidences that address ways to better understand and increase the sustainability impacts of BoP ventures in terms of changes in economic, capacity, environmental and relational well-being.

Website: www.bopimpact.nl

Appeal for Help

Delft, Netherlands (16-18 November 2009)

MobileActive.org are updating their database of mobile applications used for health, social development, agriculture, advocacy, education, civic media, human rights, and other civil society areas. If you have or are developing a mobile application used in any area of social development, please enter it in the MobileActive database. There is currently no comprehensive database of mobile applications for social development available but they are building it with people's help.

Website: www.zoomerang.com

Training Opportunities

Ongoing

Grameen Bank Microcredit Training Programs

Website: www.grameen-info.org

The Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Courses

The Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), one of the USA's best known private universities, has made all 1,800 courses in its curriculum (environmental sciences, computer studies, physics...) available free on-line, using an open source system called OpenCourseWare (OCW). Each month, some 1.5 million surfers, most of them based outside the USA, follow the lessons and lectures in PDF, audio and video formats, some are also translated into French and Portuguese. MIT is working with other universities to help them set up their own OCW.

Website: ocw.mit.edu

Sustainable Tourism Criteria

The criteria focus on four areas experts recommend as the most critical aspects of sustainable tourism: maximizing tourism's social and economic benefits to local communities; reducing negative impacts on cultural heritage; reducing harm to local environments; and planning for sustainability. The GSTC Partnership is developing educational materials and technical tools to guide hotels and tour operators in implementing the criteria.

Website: www.sustainableTourismCriteria.org

Two Workshops Offered for Development Practitioners

The community-managed microfinance course deals with providing sustainable financial services for the very poor. Although MFIs are well-established, they have mostly failed to penetrate remote rural areas because the costs are too high and the demand for credit too small. Meanwhile, over the last 15 years, massive, sustainable programmes have emerged that reach this target group at very low cost, based on autonomous, small-scale savings and loan associations. Co-sponsored by the SNHU Community Economic Development Masters Program at the Open University of Tanzania and VSL Associates.

Website: <http://rs6.net>

Careers

Development Executive Group Devex Networking Website

Over 90,000 global experts can network and connect and learn about more than 47,000 registered projects.

Website: www.devex.org

New Website Offers Career Advice to Young Africans

Set up by the Commonwealth Secretariat, Africancareerguidance.com is aimed at providing career guidance to African youth and helping them to link with prospective employers. AfricaRecruit is a human resources organisation that provides skills training for African professionals in the Diaspora and on the continent. The website has an inbuilt email subscriber list for all its users and offers a searchable database of career profiles for job seekers and prospective employers. It also offers skills and interest assessments and advice on CV and résumé preparation. It provides tips about interviewing techniques, as well as information on internship and volunteer opportunities, and entrepreneurial skills.

Website: www.africacareerguidance.com

African Diaspora Skills Database

This database was compiled to provide an overview of qualified African Diaspora professionals with varied areas of expertise and experience. The African Diaspora contributes substantially to the social, economic and political development of Africa, and this database is set up to further mobilize this considerable potential.

Website: www.diaspora-centre.org

Aid Workers Network (AWN)

Aid Workers Network (AWN) is an online platform for aid, relief and development workers to ask and answer questions of each other, and to exchange resources and information. AWN is registered in the United Kingdom as a charity. You will find discussions about a range of questions and issues on the AWN forum from aid, relief and development workers all over the world and representing a variety of fields, with new threads or responses posted daily. The forum is a great way to get in contact with other aid and development workers in your geographic area or working in a similar area of work.

Website: www.aidworkers.net

Bizzlounge

Bizzlounge is where people committed to ethical behaviour meet, who want to establish and maintain business contacts in an exclusive and relaxed environment.

Website: bizzlounge.com

Business Action for Africa

Business Action for Africa is a network of businesses and business organisations working collectively to accelerate growth and poverty reduction in Africa.

Website: businessactionforafrica.blogspot.com

Business Fights Poverty

Business Fights Poverty is a professional network for all those passionate about fighting world poverty through the power of good business.

Website: businessfightspoverty.ning.com

Business in Development Network (BiD)

The BiD Network Foundation runs the BiD Challenge to contribute to sustainable economic development by stimulating entrepreneurship in developing countries.

Website: www.bidnetwork.org

Catalogue of Poverty Networks

UNDP is organizing an online catalogue of Poverty Networks as a means to facilitate access to knowledge and sharing this to a wider audience in 189 countries. Poverty Networks are web-based platforms that provide space for sharing and disseminating development-related information and initiatives. Below you will find information on IPC's collaborating networks, which help foster dialogue between researchers, policymakers, civil society and multilateral organisations.

Website: www.undp-povertycentre.org

Connections for Development (CfD)

CfD is a UK, Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) led, membership based organisation committed to ensuring that UK BME communities, and the organisations they are involved in, are supported in the process of shaping and delivering policy and projects that affect their countries of origin or interest – collectively "our world"

Website: www.cfdnetwork.co.uk

Development Crossing

Development Crossing was set up in 2006 by a small group of friends with diverse backgrounds ranging from business consulting to international development. In a world where the environment, corporate responsibility, and sustainable development are becoming increasingly intertwined, our goal was to create a site where individuals that shared our passion could keep up-to-date with relevant happenings in the world and connect with like-minded individuals. The idea behind Development Crossing is to provide a social network that brings together people from a variety of sectors, countries and professions to discuss corporate social responsibility and sustainable development.

Website: www.developmentcrossing.com

DevelopmentAid.org

The one-stop-information-shop for the developmental sector, DevelopmentAid.org is a membership organization that brings together information for developmental professionals, NGOs, consultancy firms and donors.

Website: www.developmentaid.org

dgCommunities on the Development Gateway

dgCommunities, a free online service by the Development Gateway Foundation is devoted to knowledge-sharing and collaboration for people working to reduce poverty in the developing world.

Website: topics.developmentgateway.org

Diaspora African Forum

This Forum exists "to invite and encourage the full participation of Africans in the Diaspora in the building of the African Union, in its capacity as an important part of the Continent". We will provide the vital linkage for Diaspora Africans to become involved in Africa's development as well as reap the fruits of African unity.

Website: www.diasporafricanforum.org

Eldis Communities

Eldis aims to share the best in development, policy, practice and research. The Eldis Community is a free on-line community where you can meet others involved in international development and discuss the issues that are important to you.

Website: community.eldis.org

Enterprise Development Exchange

The Enterprise Development Exchange links related communities of practice to advance sustainable poverty eradication. It is facilitated by The SEEP Network through the Value Initiative.

Website: edexchange.seepnetwork.org

Food Security and Nutrition (FSN) Forum

The FSN Forum is a global community of FSN practitioners. It bridges the knowledge divide among the different communities involved in FSN policies and strategies - such as academics, researchers and development practitioners - to improve cooperation and impacts; members in many countries across the world's five continents.

Website: <http://km.fao.org/fsn/>

Global Development Matters

Global Development Matters is designed to engage U.S. citizens and leaders in examining how rich world policies affect global poverty reduction. There is an Election '08 blog.

Website: www.globaldevelopmentmatters.org

GTZ-Communities Sustainable Economic Development

The GTZ-Communities Sustainable Economic Development are open to all practitioners, counterparts, research institutions, donors and interested consultants worldwide facilitating an inter agency exchange of experiences and best practices. This weekly updated website provides you with recent news and lessons learned from GTZ as well as from other development agencies and research institutions in the field of economic development. Its core is a comprehensive database. Participation in this open community is free of charge. However, registration is necessary.

Website: [Africa](#) | [Middle East and North Africa](#) | [Asia](#)

LED knowledge

This website is an online space for sharing the experiences and resources of people and organizations supporting local economic development processes at the local level. LED Knowledge is the result of a joint effort of the ILO-LED programme team based in Geneva, and the ILO training arm, the International Training Centre, based in Turin, Italy.

Website: www.ledknowledge.org

Network of Networks Impact Evaluation Initiative (Nonie)

Nonie is a network of networks for impact evaluation comprised of the DAC Evaluation Network, The United Nations Evaluation Group (UNEG), the Evaluation Cooperation Group (ECG), and a fourth network drawn from the regional evaluation associations. Its purpose is to foster a program of impact evaluation activities based on a common understanding of the meaning of impact evaluation and approaches to conducting impact evaluation.

Website: www.worldbank.org/ieg/nonie/

TakingITGlobal.org

TakingITGlobal.org is an online community that connects youth to find inspiration, access information, get involved, and take action in their local and global communities.

Website: profiles.takingitglobal.org

XING Group Microfinance Industry

In this new XING Group, microfinance professionals from all over the globe link and discuss topics of interest. Use this forum to discuss financial technology, find employment, identify training opportunities and events, and share knowledge resources with fellow members of the microfinance industry. XING is an online networking tool to manage all personal contacts and to find interesting new business contacts. It's amazing how quickly it facilitates contact with key people.

Website: www.xing.com/

AfDevinfo - African Development Information Service

AfDevinfo tracks the mechanics of political and economic development across Sub Saharan Africa. They draw together a diverse range of publicly available data and present it as an accessible and ever expanding online database.

Website: www.afdevinfo.com

Growing Inclusive Markets (GIM)

The Growing Inclusive Markets Initiative has created a set of data, information and analytical products that will increase understanding of the markets of the

poor, including existing opportunities and challenges.

Website: www.growinginclusivemarkets.org

Fellowship Opportunities

Africa Entrepreneurship Platform

This ground breaking initiative is created as a forum to showcase innovative ideas and businesses from Africa that have the ability to scale internationally driving job creation and sustainable economic development between Africa and the Americas.

Website: www.sacca.biz

Piramal Foundation in India

Has established a US \$25,000 prize for ideas that help advance full access to effective public health care in India. The Piramal Prize is a \$25,000 Social Entrepreneurship Competition focused on democratizing health care in India that seeks to encourage and support bold entrepreneurial ideas which can profoundly impact access to higher standards of health for India's rural and marginalized urban communities. The award recognizes high-impact, scalable business models and innovative solutions that directly or indirectly address India's health-care crisis.

Website: www.piramalprize.org/

The Pioneers of Prosperity Grant and Award

This competition is a partnership between the OTF Group and the John F. Templeton Foundation of the United States, and promotes companies in East Africa by identifying local role models that act as examples of sustainable businesses in their country/region. It is open to businesses from Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Burundi and Rwanda.

Website: pioneersofprosperity.org

African Writers Fund

Together with the Ford Foundation, the Fund supports the work of independent creative writers living on the continent. The Fund recognizes the vital role that poets and novelists play in Africa by anticipating and reflecting the cultural, economic and political forces that continuously shape and reshape societies.

Website: www.trustafrica.org

Joint NAM S&T Centre - ICCS Fellowship Programme

Centre for Science and Technology of the Non-Aligned and Other Developing Countries (NAM S&T Centre) and International Center for Chemical Sciences (ICCS), (H.E.J. Research Institute of Chemistry and Dr. Panjwani Center for Molecular Medicine and Drug Research), University of Karachi, Karachi, Pakistan.

Email: namstct@vsnl.com

Website: www.scidev.net

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Oxford Said Business School Youth Business Development Competition

Open to youth between 16 and 21 across the world, the competition is run by students at Oxford University to promote social enterprise. A prize fund of £2,000 in seed capital is up for grabs. It calls itself the 'world's first global youth development competition'.

Website: [More Information](#)

US\$250,000 for Best Lab Design

AMD and Architecture for Humanity have announced a prize of \$250,000 for the best design for a computer lab that can be adapted and implemented in third-world countries.

Website: www.openarchitecturenetwork.org

PhD Plant Breeding Scholarships at the University of Ghana

The [University of Ghana](#) has been awarded a project support grant by the [Alliance for a Green Revolution](#) in Africa (a joint venture between the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and the Rockefeller Foundation, for the establishment of a West African Centre for Crop Improvement (WACCI). This is available to scientists working at NARIs, universities and international centres in West Africa. Women scientists are especially encouraged to apply for a fellowship under this programme.

Website: www.acci.org.za

Institute of Social Studies in The Hague

A collaboration between 25 international think tanks in international development, www.focuss.info is a search engine for indexing and social book marking online resources in international development.

Website: <http://focuss.info/>

Genesis: India's Premier Social Entrepreneurship Competition

A social entrepreneurship competition aiming to bring together social entrepreneurs, students, NGOs, innovators, incubators, corporations and financiers and encourage them to come up with innovative ideas which are socially relevant and feasible.

Website: <http://genesis.iitm.ac.in>

Echoing Green: Social Entrepreneurs Fund

They are looking for social entrepreneurs developing new solutions to social problems. They are accepting applications for their 2008 fellowships (two-year funding of up to US \$90,000 for 20 entrepreneurs).

Website: www.echoinggreen.org

UNESCO: International Centre for South-South Co-operation in Science, Technology and Innovation

The International Centre for South-South Co-operation in Science, Technology and Innovation was inaugurated in Kuala Lumpur in May 2008. The centre functions under the auspices of UNESCO. It facilitates the integration of a developmental approach into national science and technology and innovation policies, and provides policy advice. In parallel to organizing capacity-building and the exchange of experience and best practices, the centre conducts research and tackles specific problems in science, technology and innovation policy-making in developing countries.

Website: www.unesco.org

Funding - Google.org

While SMEs in rich countries represent half of GDP, they are largely absent from the formal economies of developing countries. Today, there are trillions of investment dollars chasing returns – and SMEs are a potentially high impact, high return investment. However, only a trickle of this capital currently reaches SMEs in developing countries. Our goal is to increase this flow.

Website: www.google.org

Challenge InnoCentive

A challenge to the world's inventors to find solutions to real scientific and technological problems affecting the poor and vulnerable.

Website: <http://www.innocentive.com>

Global Social Benefit Incubator: A US \$20,000 Bottom of the Pyramid Scholarship

Offered by Santa Clara University's Global Social Benefit Incubator, it selects 15 to 20 enterprises from developing countries and provides an eight-month mentoring process. This ends with a 10-day process in Santa Clara, where entrepreneurs work with their mentors.

Website: <http://www.socialedge.org>

Job Opportunities

- [Africa Recruit Job Compendium](#)
- [Africa Union](#)
- [CARE](#)
- [Christian Children's Fund](#)
- [ECOWAS](#)
- [International Crisis Group](#)
- [International Medical Corps](#)
- [International Rescue Committee](#)
- [Internews](#)
- [IREX](#)
- [Organization for International Migration](#)
- [Oxfam](#)
- [Relief Web Job Compendium \(UN OCHA\) \(1\)](#)
- [Relief Web Job Compendium \(UN OCHA\) \(2\)](#)
- [Save the Children](#)
- [The Development Executive Group job compendium](#)
- [Trust Africa](#)
- [UN Jobs](#)
- [UNDP](#)
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- [UNICEF](#)
- [World Bank](#)
- [World Wildlife Fund \(Cameroon\)](#)



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